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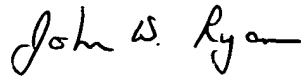
The status of the claims is as follows:

<b>Amended:</b>	6, 9, 10, 16-20, 22
<b>Pending:</b>	1 - 26

Prompt examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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